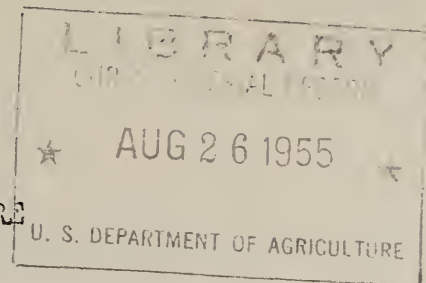


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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
ANIMAL DISEASE ERADICATION BRANCH
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



July 26, 1955

ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 508.40

To : ADE Field Activities Stations
From : R. W. Morgan, Administrative Officer
Subject: Brucella Abortus Vaccine, Strain 19

I PURPOSE

Purchases for Fiscal Year 1956 are based on requests submitted from each Field Station following careful program planning. It is recognized, however, that in some cases, due to unforeseen circumstances, these requests may either exceed or fall short of actual needs as they develop. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise ADE Field Activities Stations concerning the status of requisitions for vaccine and to outline a procedure by which we may secure the maximum use of vaccine purchased.

II SURPLUS VACCINE

As you are probably aware, contracts have been processed for your station's requirements of vaccine for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1956, with deliveries scheduled for July, August, and September. In the event you have not received a copy of the Bid Invitation covering the proposed purchase of vaccine for your station for use during July, August, and September, contact this office immediately so that follow-up action may be taken.

In order that all vaccine may be used prior to its expiration date, this office must be advised if you have vaccine on hand which is surplus to your needs because of program changes, and cannot be used prior to the expiration date indicated on the vaccine container. Likewise, if your station requirements are greater than the amount requested, notify this office accordingly.

Arrangements can usually be made for transfer of vaccine between states to relieve these situations.

III OUTDATED VACCINE

You are cautioned to keep a record in your files of all vaccine which is not used before the expiration date, and which must be destroyed. Your records should include the vaccine manufacturer's name, serial number, expiration date, and the amount of vaccine destroyed. Extreme care must be exercised in the disposition of any and all outdated vaccine because of its pathogenic properties. If possible, the product including the vials should be incinerated or disposed of in such other manner as to insure against possible human or animal contact.

IV GENERAL

Inasmuch as information concerning our requirements for vaccine must be furnished the Administrative Services Division approximately 30 to 45 days before the first delivery date, we are at this time assembling your various requests for vaccine for use during October, November, and December in accordance with estimates furnished by your office during the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1955. If your requirements for vaccine for use during October, November, and December have changed since your original request was submitted, this office should be notified not later than August 15.

In submitting requests for vaccine, it is suggested that you be as conservative as possible as it is more desirable to supplement your requirements through additional purchases than to suffer unnecessary losses from outdating. It is requested that your District Supervisors and Area Veterinarians be instructed to keep in touch with the vaccine situation in the field and to take every step necessary to prevent this from occurring. In those cases where it is expected that the vaccine cannot be used, practitioners should be instructed to advise the Area Veterinarians in ample time to provide for redistribution.

